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In re Application of:

Wood et al.

Appln. No.: 09/577,489

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Group Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: Sabiha Naim Qazi

For: AEROSOLS OF NANOPARTICULATE DRUGS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Paper is filed in response to the Office Action requiring restriction of the claims, mailed on April 23, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim.

46. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the therapeutic agent is diagnostic agent is benzoic acid, 3,5-bis(acetylamino) 2,4,6-triido-, 4-(ethyl-3-ethoxy-2-butenate) ester.

REMARKS

I. Summary of the Claims

Claim 47, directed to the diagnostic agent disclosed in Example 2 of the application, has been added. Because this amendment does not introduce new matter, entry thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested.